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Disaster News

FEMA GRANTS \$6.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO REPAIR TORNADO-RAVAGED HIGH SCHOOL IN ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA

ATLANTA – The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will help fund the repair of an Alabama high school where eight students died in a March 1 tornado.

Enterprise High School in Enterprise, Ala., was severely damaged by the twister, which also killed one other person in the community. FEMA has obligated \$6.5 million toward the project.

"Enterprise and its high school are a symbol of the resiliency of its people," said Phil May, Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IV. "I continue to be impressed at the progress of the recovery there, and FEMA will continue to be a part of that recovery."

The total project cost has been estimated at just over \$30 million. Insurance is expected to cover nearly \$21 million; however, FEMA will cover 75 percent of the remaining \$9 million.

FEMA will disburse the money to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency for reimbursement to the Enterprise Board of Education.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

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Editors: For more information on Alabama disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or ema.alabama.gov.